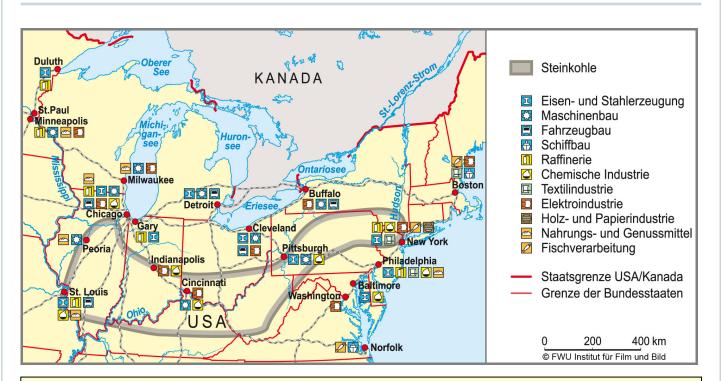
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## **Manufacturing Belt – Descent and Comeback**

"The Manufacturing Belt is the industrial core area of the U.S. between Boston and Baltimore on the Atlantic Coast up to Milwaukee, Chicago and St. Louis in the center of the country. It is the biggest industry-oriented region on Earth. Around 1890 the Manufacturing Belt produced 80 to 90 percent of the net product of the U.S. During its evolution waves of growth and innovation repeatedly alternated with periods of stagnation and de-industrialization."

(Source: Norbert von der Ruhren: Manufacturing Belt, Fundamente, Stuttgart, 2008, S. 366)

1. The Manufacturing Belt is not an uniform industry zone, but consists of various groups each with its own economic profile. Identify the main groups with their economic priorities with the help of the map.

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**2.** Since the 1960s the Manufacturing Belt has been in an economic crisis, shown in the pictures below. The Manufacturing Belt turned into the Rust Belt. Give possible reasons for the decline of each economic sector in the different locations. Write your answers under the pictures.







Closed car factory in Detroit

Abandoned steelworks in Pittsburgh

Former electric shop in New York

- **3.** In recent years, the Manufacturing Belt has experienced a renaissance. Its decline in significance was at least partly balanced. Explain the changes underneath each picture.



Chemical company in Pittsburgh

Google office in New York



Corporate head office of GM in Detroit